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Council on Aging
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Patricia Gold, Chairperson

Minutes of COA Board Meeting- May 8, 2013

Members present: Mary Keenan, Will Twombly, Mike Donham, V.V. Martin, Dottie Brown, and Carol Airasian.

Members excused absence: Pat Gold and Hagop Sarkissian.

Staff members present: Caryl Fox, Kathleen Wolf, Laura Gold, and Debbie Dunn.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board member, Mary Keenan.

1. The Board read the minutes of the [April 10, 2013](#) Board meeting. Will Twombly made a motion to approve the minutes and Mike Donham seconded. Passed.

2. Financial Statements:

Caryl Fox highlighted the financial statements for [April](#). She noted that the Marshall Home Fund has awarded us a \$4,000 grant for the supplemental transportation program. Mike Donham made a motion to approve and Will Twombly seconded. Passed.

3. April 19, 2013 Incidents – Effect on Seniors:

The entire Watertown community, including seniors, was impacted by the events of April 19, 2013. Those closest to where the action took place were the most affected. Seniors spent a lot of time talking about that day with each other at the Center. Staff encouraged people to share their stories with them. People seemed to have coped very well considering the stress of that day.

4. Yard Sale Update:

The Senior Center's annual yard sale was on Saturday, May 4, 2013. Volunteers worked very hard and were very proud to be representing the Center. People in the community of all ages came in to shop and socialize. The sale was a financial success with a total amount of \$2,371 being raised for the Revolving Fund.

5. LGBT Film – Upcoming on May 23, 2013:

The show of the film "Gen Silent" has been scheduled for Thursday May 23, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Watertown Free Public Library. The COA / Senior Center is the primary sponsor and has been working on organizing this event for several months. The Friends of the COA has

paid for the movie rental fee and the World in Watertown is buying the refreshments. All of the sponsors are publicizing this event.

6. FY '14 COA / Senior Center Budget:

The Town Manager has approved a level service budget for the department. Caryl Fox will be presenting the budget to the Town Council at a meeting on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at about 9:30 am.

7. Increase in Socialization at Senior Center:

More individuals are coming in before activities and staying afterwards so that they can talk with each other and to sometimes have lunch. The Senior Center is a place that provides an inviting space for people to be with friends and to meet new people.

7. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox